Before The State Of Nevada Environmental Commission

Appeal of Water Pollution Control Permit:)

NEV0087001, Big Springs Mine

In Re:

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ORDER GRANTING AMENDED BRIEFING SCHEDULE

On August 8, 2005, the State Environmental Commission (SEC) received an appeal from Great Basin Mine Watch (GBMW) concerning the renewal of Water Pollution Control Permit # NEV0087001. In the request for the appeal, GBMW also requested the SEC to order briefs to be filed prior to the appeal hearing.

On August 15, 2005, the State Environmental Commission (SEC) received a request for intervention from AngloGold Ashanti, the named permittee at the Big Springs Mine. An order granting such was issued. AngloGold Ashanti did not object to the briefing schedule, nor did the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection. All parties agreed to the following briefing schedule.

On or about August 31, 2005, the Commission issued and Order establishing a briefing schedule for a hearing to be held on December 8, 2005. On October 17, 2005, the Commission sent correspondence to the parties that the December 8, 2005 hearing date would have to be vacated, to be rescheduled for early 2006. As a result of that rescheduling, the parties have agreed upon a revised briefing schedule.

At the agreement of the parties involved, it is hereby ORDERED that that counsel representing the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (Division) and/or AngloGold Ashanti file any responsive briefs by November 16, 2005, to the opening brief filed by GBMW on September 28, 2005. The responsive briefs are to be delivered electronically on that date, minus any exhibits which are to be served with a copy of the responsive brief via U.S. Mail. Any reply by GBMW to the Division's brief or to AngloGold Ashanti's brief shall be filed on or before December 9, 2005.

Dated this 24 day of October, 2005.

Terry Crawforth, Panel Chair

State of Nevada Environmental Commission